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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005. An Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 accompanies this petition.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1,020.00 to Deposit Account No. 10-0750. If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of the enclosed response, please charge any necessary fees to the above-identified deposit account. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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